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Register to Vote - Last Day Approaching!

Election Day is around the corner. Don't miss your chance to be heard! The last day to register online is **October 18 at 9pm**. Election Day is **Tuesday, November 8**. Early Voting details are [online](#).

Daffodils Distribution - For Columbia's 50th Birthday, **March 2017**, CA's Open Space will be planting 50,000 yellow daffodils and providing free bulbs (up to 250 per project) on a first come- first serve basis, while supplies last. For more details, call **410-381-0312**.

College Fair: Parents and students of all ages are invited to learn more about financial aid, college essay writing, the college application process and more. The fair will be held **Sunday, October 16th 1-3 pm** at **HCC Galleria**. More details [online](#).



MIHU Program - October Open Enrollment

Looking for affordable housing in Howard County? Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development is now accepting applications for its October open enrollment into the County's Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU) program. The program requires developers of new housing in certain zoning districts to sell or rent a percentage of units to households of moderate income. Housing will hold a FREE "MIHU Buyers and Renters Workshop" on **Thursday, October 20th 6-8pm** at the **Gateway Building, 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr**. Learn about the program's eligibility requirements, application process and hear from experts regarding the importance of credit scores for buying or renting a home. To register, call **410-313-6343**. The deadline to apply is **October 31, 2016**.

HCYP Winter Basketball

Don't miss your chance to join the Howard County Youth Program Inc. 2016-2017 Winter Basketball program. The program is available for all girls and boys grades 1-12 for Clinic, Recreational Leagues as well as Travel/Middle School Teams. Registration fee is \$150. Deadlines are below and there are no late fees. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



November 30: 3rd-8th Grade Recreation Leagues
November 30: Clinics for 1st & 2nd Grades
December 6: High School Boys and Girls

Central Maryland Transit Development Plan

The County is seeking your input for the developing short-range Transit Development Plan (TDP) for Central Maryland. The TDP will be a guide for transit services in the Central Maryland region and provide a roadmap for implementing service and organizational improvements, including service expansion, for the next five years. A series of meetings will take place in order to give the public an opportunity to voice their opinion and will be on:

- **Wednesday, October 19, 2016 7-9pm** at the George Howard Building
- **Thursday, October 20, 2016 7-9pm** at the North Laurel Community Center
- **Thursday, October 27, 2016 7-9pm** at the Gateway Building

National Fire Prevention Month

In honor of "National Fire Prevention Month," enjoy the following open houses:

- Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department Open House, 4150 Montgomery Rd, Ellicott City, **Saturday, October 15, 1-4pm**
- West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department Open House, 12535 Old Frederick Road, Sykesville, **Saturday, October 16, 12-4pm**

"Make Your Own Rain Barrel" Workshop

The University of MD Extension Master Gardeners and Howard County have partnered to offer residents free barrels to turn into rain barrels. Howard County residents are eligible to receive a free 55-gal. plastic barrel with cut-outs for fittings, to be used for a rain barrel (one free barrel per address, please). Residents must buy fittings and assembly the barrels which must be used in Howard County. The next workshop will be held on **Saturday, October 15th 9-11am** at the **Alpha Ridge Landfill, 2350 Marriottsville Rd**. Go [online](#) for more details.

Village Happenings

Long Reach Community Events

Village Wide Yard Sale - Tomorrow, **October 15, 2016**, there will be a Village-Wide yard sale.

Long Reach Halloween Party - **October 29, 2016 1-2:30pm** at Stonehouse. From **1-1:45pm**, residents will be able to decorate a pumpkin or make a Halloween craft at the Art Center. There will be refreshments along with a Trick or Treat Bag with goodies. From **2-2:30pm**, those attending will be treated to a magic show. This event is for children up to 10 yrs old, and must be accompanied by an adult.

Shredding Event - On **Saturday, November 5 9am-12pm**, come to the LRVC parking lot for a shredding event. Long Reach residents are FREE (ID req'd) and have no limit on the # of bags they can bring. For all others, there will be a \$5 charge and a 3 bag limit. For details, call **410-730-8113**.

Oakland Mills Community Events



Oakland Mills High School Craft Fair - Want to get an early start on holiday shopping? Stop by Oakland Mills High School (9410 Kilimanjaro Road) on **Saturday, November 5, from 10am-3pm**. There will be 95 vendors on site with jewelry, home decor, woodcrafts, and more. All proceeds will support the students and staff. Admission for the event is free. Go [online](#) for details.

Visit OMCA [website](#) for more exciting local events.

Help HopeWorks Assist our Community

HopeWorks of Howard County needs your help restocking their pantry so they can continue their efforts providing assistance to those in need of essential food, personal and household items. Items in need include: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, ethnic hair products, baby wipes, rice, cereal, breakfast bars, soups, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene pads, crackers, granola bars and juice boxes. To donate, please call **(410) 997-0304** or email [Joyce](#), the Volunteer Program Coordinator. For information and updates, click [here](#).

HCPD Events

Collision Avoidance Training

Our Howard County Police Department will be conducting Collision Avoidance Training (CAT) classes through **December**. This is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for licensed teen driver's ages 16-20. Driving skills addressed include: evasive maneuvers, emergency braking, cornering, backing, skid recovery, steering, acceleration and more.

Students must operate their own vehicle and successfully complete each driving skill/maneuver to receive a certificate of completion. Space is limited. Cost is \$95. Generous program support and scholarships are provided by the Howard County Police Foundation, Erie Insurance and the Browning Reagle Insurance Agency. Sessions are: **October 15; November 19; and December 20**. For more information, visit our [website](#).

HCPD is Hiring

Calling all citizens looking to join the Police Department! HCPD will hold test dates for entry-level and lateral officers and cadets on **October 15 at 9am** (written/physical) at the **James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center** (2200 Scott Wheeler Drive, Marriottsville). The starting salary for entry-level officer is \$52,749. Visit www.HCPD.org or call **410-313-HCPD** for details.

Tip A Cop

Join HCPD staff and Special Olympics Athletes as they raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland by serving you at Red Robin in Columbia Crossing from **11am-3pm & 4-8pm on Saturday, October 22**. Click [here](#) for details or call **410-313-2207**.

Bike with a Cop

Get outdoors with your family and enjoy leisurely a bike ride with HCPD Pathway Patrol officers as they bike around the Columbia Lakefront on **Saturday, October 29**. Timeslots are available **9am-12pm**. The event is geared towards youth 5-12 years old and their parents. To register, call **410-313-2207**.

Working Together: Police and Community

The HCPD Police Foundation and Citizens Advisory Council are hosting an event to discuss police department operations on **Saturday, November 12th 10am-3pm** at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center (**2200 Scott Wheeler Dr, Marriottsville**). It will cover community policing and youth efforts, use of force, and internal investigations. There will be time to meet and greet officers, and ask questions. Limited space is available and residents are encouraged to sign up [here](#).

Help Save a Life - Get Trained in CPR/AED



When an adult goes into Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), his or her survival depends on immediately getting cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from someone nearby. Eighty eight percent of all cardiac arrest occur at home or at work, so the chances of you knowing the person are very high. Help save a life and get trained today! Our Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) will be offering Hands-Only CPR training at no cost. Upcoming dates for 2016 are: **October 19th** at Gateway; **November 16th** at Gateway; **December 7th** at PSTC; and **December 14th** at Gateway. Gateway = HCDFRS HQ, 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr, Ste 400 in Columbia; PSTC = Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Dr in Marriottsville. All sessions are held 6-8pm. For more details, visit their [website](#).

HCPSS Events



HCPSS 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

There is still time to register for the third annual Let's Go Hoco [HCPSS Community 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run](#). The event will be held at Columbia Gateway Drive on **Sunday, October 16, 8am**. In-person registration end on the day of the event.

ABCs of Parent Empowerment Series:

Calling all parents and guardians! You are cordially invited to a Fall 2016 parent workshop series featuring 2 remaining sessions including: Social and Emotional Development (**Saturday, October 22**); and Finding Solutions to School Concerns (**Saturday, November 19**). Come learn about these resources, including Canvas and related policies and procedures, as well as effective strategies to maintain communication between home and school. All sessions will take place at **Oakland Mills Middle School**, 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd in Columbia from **9-11:15am**. To register and for more information visit their [website](#).

Services available: Childcare, limited transportation and interpreting. Please call **410-313-1598** in advance to arrange. This event is sponsored by The Council of Elders and HCPSS.

Howard County Association of Student Councils Meeting:

All Middle and High School Howard County students, join your fellow classmates who are looking to teach leadership and desire to make an impact in the community for the Howard County Association of Student Councils' monthly meeting at **Homewood School**, 10914 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City on **Wednesday, October 19th, 7pm**. Click [here](#) for more information.

BSAP College and Career Opportunity Night - The STEM Atmosphere:

Interested in higher education? Join the BSAP at **Long Reach HS**, 6101 Old Dobbin Rd. in Columbia on **Wednesday, October 26 from 5:30-9pm** for the opportunity to meet with colleges, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, businesses, and entrepreneur recruiters. Also learn about focus on how students can become more college and career ready in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. Go [online](#) for more information.

HOCO Walks



Enjoy a walking tour of **Meadowbrook Park**, 5001 Meadowbrook Lane in Ellicott City on **November 5th 9am**. The Roving Radish will be on site to provide healthy snacks for the walks. Water not provided. For more information, visit their [website](#).

BIZKids Ceremony and Fair

Are you creative enough to come up with an idea to make money and win prizes? Come out to A Young Entrepreneur's Ribbon Cutting Event on **Saturday, November 5, from 12-3:30pm at The Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia** for an afternoon of fun-filled activities. Young vendor exhibitors will be able to pitch their idea for an opportunity to win a free laptop and other business start-up products and services. Children ages 5-under are free, and all other admission is \$10.00. To register or learn more information, click [here](#).

Roving Radish - HoCo Fresh, Meals to Go

Howard County's Roving Radish promotes healthy eating habits through meal kits comprised of locally and regionally grown foods straight from the farm to your table. Meal kits are available to anyone who works, plays or lives in Howard County and are offered at a discounted price to those in need. This program runs through **November 23, 2016**. To learn more or place an order, call **410-992-2049** or visit their [website](#). If you are interested in volunteering to help the Roving Radish assemble kits, sign up [online](#).



Stay Alert and Safe from Charitable Foundation Scams

The Howard County Office of Consumer Protection is warning residents to use caution and common sense when dealing with solicitors who claim to represent firefighter associations or others seeking donations to aid people who have been affected by fire or natural disaster. It is important to take the time to check where your generosity is going regardless of the cause.

County Seeks Physician For Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

The County is seeking a physician to fill a volunteer role on the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. The Board provides impartial oversight of the care and services provided to individuals under public guardianship and makes a recommendation to the court as to whether the public guardianship should be continued, modified or terminated. To be eligible, candidates must be a Howard County resident, licensed physician, have an interest in adult guardianship issues and be able to attend the quarterly Board's meetings.

Applicants should send a resume and brief letter explaining why they want to serve on the Board to David Lee either by email to dklee@howardcountymd.gov or by mail to: Howard County Government, Office of the County Executive, Attn: David Lee, **3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043**. The deadline to apply is **Friday, October 28 at 5:00 pm**. Click [here](#) for more information

2016 Howie Award - Nominations Accepted

Know an exceptional individual or business who made contributions to arts in Howard County? Nominate them for the yearly Howie Award, given by the Arts Council to those who deserve recognition for their contribution to arts in these three categories: Outstanding Artist, Outstanding Arts Educator, and Outstanding Business or Community Supporter. Nominations must be received by **October 26, 2016**. For details, visit their [website](#).



CA Corner

Central America and Mexico Culture Fest

Come out for an afternoon of displays, dance performances, music, activities for children, demonstrations and other cultural arts highlighting the cultures of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama. This free event will be hosted on **Sunday, October 16 from 1:30-4:30pm at HCLS' Miller Branch**, 9421 Frederick Road in Ellicott City. Families can pick up a "Culture Fest Passport" upon arrival and complete it for prize drawings. Click [here](#) for more information.

Exploring Columbia On Foot

Come out and Explore Columbia's natural settings with award-winning environmental author Ned Tillman, who will guide discussions on the nature, history and future of these wonderful outdoor settings, including the plans for them and challenges they may face in the near future. Join us **Thursday, November 3rd at 10** at **The Other Barn** in Oakland Mills. For more details, go [online](#).

CommUNITY Toiletry Drive

Join the Youth and Teen Center's Teen Outreach Committee as they help our community collect items for its toiletry drive benefitting families in need. The drive runs through **November 18** and is seeking: tissues, feminine products, soap, wipes, diapers, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels, fabric softener dish detergent and laundry detergent. For more information, contact Safire Windley at **410-992-3726** or Safire.Wendley@ColumbiaAssociation.org.

Ms. Biz Mornings

Ms. Biz Mornings is a FREE networking group for women in business hosted the 1st Tuesday morning of every month (**8:30-10am**). Events are held at a different local business each month. The remaining 2016 meetings are as follows:

November 1 Sacred Healing Hands, 11155 Stratfield Ct, Marriottsville

Deer Management Program

The Department of Recreation & Parks has announced its fall/winter schedule for the deer bow and shotgun managed hunts of **2016-2017**. These hunts are held to maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population. The program gives specially screened and selected hunters daytime access to a park. The hunting schedule is as follows but can also be accessed [online](#). For more details call **410-313-1675**.

- Alpha Ridge Park (Bow & Shotgun) **January 10 and 24**
- Blandair Park (Bow north of MD Rt 175 only) **January 31**
- David Force Park (Bow and Shotgun) **October 18; November 1; January 31**
- Gorman Area (Middle Patuxent River and Kings Contrivance; Bow and Shotgun) **October 25, November 9 and 15; January 5 and 26; February 9 and 16**
- Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (Bow & Shotgun) **October 13 and 27; November 11 and 17; January 5 and 26; February 9 and 16**
- West Friendship Park (Bow & Shotgun) **October 20; January 12; February 2 and 14**
- Wincopin Trail Area of Savage Park (Bow) **September 29; October 6; November 10 and 29**

18th Annual 50+ Expo

Back for its 18th consecutive year in a row, the 2016 50+ EXPO is **Monday, October 31**, from **9am-4pm** at **Wilde Lake High School** (5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia) featuring 170 vendors and exhibitors. There will be informative seminars about technology to use in everyday life. In addition, an onsite health fair with free screenings and free flu shot vaccines is available. Parking is at the Mall in Columbia with free shuttle service to and from the EXPO. Admission is \$1 for everyone age 18 and up. Click [here](#) for more information.

HC DrugFree

Start cleaning your medicine cabinets today! HC DrugFree will collect medicine, needles, syringes, and and EpiPens at a convenient drive-thru located at the **Wilde Lake Village Center** on **Saturday, October 22, 10am-2pm**. Last April, HC DrugFree gathered 721 pounds of unwanted and expired medications. This October, we hope to continue our success and top 721 pounds. Click [here](#) for more information.



HCC Happenings

Kids on Campus

Year-Round Classes:

HCC offers year-round classes for kids on weekends or on weekday evenings. HCC also offers weekday courses for homeschool students to learn more about specific topics in our state-of-the-art labs and facilities. Click [here](#) for more information.

SAT, ACT & Other Test Preparation

HCC offers the opportunity for High school students to prepare at HCC for SAT, ACT, and other standardized testing. Click [here](#) for details.

HCC 5K Challenge RACE

October 30, 2016 at 8am, Howard Community College

Commit to creating a healthy community by participating in the HCC 5k Challenge Race! Experience HCC's beautiful campus and unique race course as your organization competes for prestigious "Challenge" awards and join teammates and participants in the Celebration Village to learn more about HCC, its partners, and programs! Click [here](#) for more information.



2016 Farmers Market Season

There are no excuses not to eat fresh, especially when Howard County offers farmers markets five days a week throughout the county in the following eight convenient locations! Swing by and pick up

fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and more! (Find more details [online.](#))

Miller Branch Library

(9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City)

Hours of Operation: **Wednesdays 2-6pm**

Open through **November 16, 2016;**

East Columbia Branch Library

(6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia)

Hours of Operation: **Thursdays 2pm-6pm**

Open through **November 17, 2016;**

Howard County General Hospital

(5755 Cedar Ln, Columbia)

Hours of Operation: **Fridays 11:30am-4:30pm**

Open through **October 29, 2016;**

Maple Lawn

(8191 Westside Blvd, Fulton)

Hours of Operation: **Saturdays 9am-1pm**

Open through **October 29, 2016;**

Ellicott City Old Town Market

(The Wine Bin & Little French Market, Midtown
Old Ellicott City)

Hours of Operation: **Saturdays 9am-1pm**

Open through **October 29, 2016;**

Glenwood Community Farmers Market

(2350 MD-97, Cooksville)

Hours of Operation: **Saturdays 9am-1pm**

Open through **October 29, 2016;**

River Hill Farmers Market

(River Hill Garden Ctr, 12165 Clarksville Pike)

Hours of Operation: **Saturdays 9am-1pm;**

Open through **November 5;**

Oakland Mills Village Center

(5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia)

Hours of Operation: **Sundays 9am-1pm**

Open through **November 20, 2016;**

Grasscycle!

Cutting the grass is a part of everyone's summer chores, but here are some tips on how to save time, energy and the environment!

Try GrassCycling - leaving the grass clippings on your lawn as you mow to recycle naturally. Grasscycling is a gentle way to release nitrogen gradually on your lawn. It also saves you from bagging and dragging your grass clippings to the curb for pickup.

[Share With Friends & Neighbors!](#)

STAY CONNECTED

